GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:239
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2003
COMPENSATION TO PERSONS KILLED/INJURED IN RAIL ACCIDENTS
RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of compensation in respect of the persons killed/injured in rail accidents pending with various railway claim tribunals as on date and the amount of compensation claimed therein;

(b) the period from which such claimed cases are pending;

(c) the reasons for delay in disposal of these cases;

(d) the average time generally taken to dispose of such cases; and

(e) the time by which the above cases are likely to be disposed of?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.239 BY SHRI RAVINDRA KU PANDEYTO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 6.3.03 REGARDING COMPENSATION TO PERSONS KILLED/INJUF RAIL ACCIDENTS.

(a) & (b) : The age-wise pendency of 622 train accident cases as on 1.1.2003 in different benches of Railway Claims Tribunal is as under:-

Bench	Less than one year	One year old	2 year old	3 year old	4 year old	5 year old & above	Total
Delhi	4	0	0	0	2	0	6
Lucknow	10	15	20	7	0	0	52
Chandigarh	5	5	2	0		0	0 12
Gorakhpur	28	2	1	0	0	0	31
Jaipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chennai	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Ernakulam	262	2	2	1		2	0 269
Secunderabad	11	0	0	10	0	0	21
Bangalore	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Calcutta	39	6	2	1	0	0	48
Guwahati	4	2	0	0	0	0	6
Patna	92	10	3	2	2	0	109
Bhubneshwar	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Mumbai	0	11	3	0	0	0	14
Nagpur	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Bhopal	9	2	2	1	2	0	6
Ahmedabad	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Ghaziabad	9	3	9	1	0	0	22
Total	486	59	45	23	9	0	622

The total amount of compensation claimed in the above cases is Rs.24.44 crores

(c) : The reasons for delay in disposal of these cases are as under:-

(i) Non attendance by the applicants or their counsels;

(ii) Adjournments sought by the applicants for various reasons

(iii) Non-availability of heirship title with the claimants;

(iv) Transfer of claims cases from one Bench to the other, sought by the claimants.

(v) Vacancy in benches

(d): During 1997-1998 to 2001-2002, the average time taken for disposal of train accident cases is one year.

(e): Railway Claims Tribunal is a quasi-judicial body. The Tribunal has been requested to dispose of the rail accident claims cases as early as possible.